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Dear Ms. Bertash:

This responds to your request dated May 20, 2019, to the United States Postal Inspection Service, (USPIS), pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA).

While processing your Freedom of Information Act request dated May 20, 2019, for records concerning abortion medication pills sent via the US Postal Service, USPIS referred four pages of records to this Office for processing and direct response to you. The documents were received by this Office on June 26, 2019, and this referral was assigned the above file number. Please refer to this number in any future correspondence with this Office. For your reference, the the USPIS file number associated with this request is 2019-FPIS-00273.

The USNCB has adopted a "multi-track processing" of FOIA requests based on the estimated amount of work and time needed to process the request. The criteria for assignment to a specific track can be found in the Department of Justice FOIA Regulations at 28 C.F.R. § 16.5(b). Your request has been assigned to the simple track.

For your information, Congress excluded three discrete categories of law enforcement and national security records from the requirements of the FOIA. See 5 U.S.C. § 552(c). This response is limited to those records that are subject to the requirements of the FOIA. This is a standard notification that is given to all our requesters and should not be taken as an indication that excluded records do, or do not, exist.

We have reviewed the four pages of records under the FOIA and determined that they are to be withheld in full, pursuant to 5 U.S.C. § 552 (b)(6), (b)(7)(C), and (b)(7)(E) of the FOIA.

Exemption (b)(6) concerns material the release of which would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of personal privacy of third parties.

Exemption (b)(7)(C) of the FOIA relates to records or information compiled for law enforcement purposes only to the extent that the production of such law enforcement records or information, if disclosed, could reasonably be expected to constitute an invasion of personal privacy. The types of documents and/or information we have withheld could consist of names, addresses, identification numbers, telephone numbers, fax numbers, or various other documents that are considered personal.

Exemption (b)(7)(E) exempts from disclosure information compiled for law enforcement purposes, the release of which would disclose certain techniques or procedures for law enforcement investigations or prosecutions.

If you are not satisfied with INTERPOL Washington's determination in response to this request, you may administratively appeal by writing to the Director, Office of Information Policy (OIP), United States Department of Justice, Suite 11050, 1425 New York Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20530-0001, or you may submit an appeal through OIP's FOIAonline portal by creating an account on the following website:

<https://www.foiaonline.gov/foiaonline/action/public/home>. Your appeal must be postmarked or electronically transmitted within 90 days of the date of my response to your request. If you submit your appeal by mail, both the letter and the envelope should be clearly marked "Freedom of Information Act Appeal."

Additionally, you may contact the Office of Government Information Services (OGIS) at the National Archives and Records Administration to inquire about the FOIA mediation services they offer. The contact information for OGIS is as follows: Office of Government Information Services, National Archives and Records Administration, 8601 Adelphi Road-OGIS, College Park, Maryland 20740-6001, e-mail at [ogis@nara.gov](mailto:ogis@nara.gov); telephone at 202-741-5770; toll free at 1-877-684-6448; or facsimile at 202-741-5769.

You may contact the INTERPOL Washington FOIA Requester Service Center, as well as our FOIA Public Liaison, for any further assistance and to discuss any aspect of your request. Our contact information is as follows: INTERPOL Washington, U.S. Department of Justice, Washington, DC 20530-0001, Attention: Office of General Counsel, Tel.: 202-616-0201, Email: [Interpol-USNCB.FOIA@usdoj.gov](mailto:Interpol-USNCB.FOIA@usdoj.gov).

Sincerely,



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